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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

An Office action communication was issued on September 19, 2005 ("the Office action"). In response thereto, and in accordance with the practice outlined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.115 and 1.143, applicants submit the following remarks.

**II. REMARKS**

**A. Brief Summary of the Pending Claims**

Claims 21-28 remain pending in the application.